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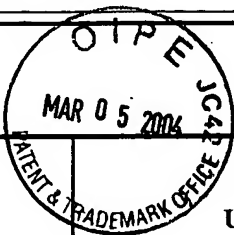
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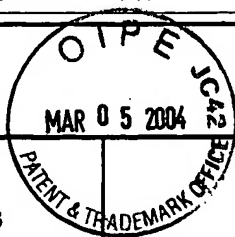
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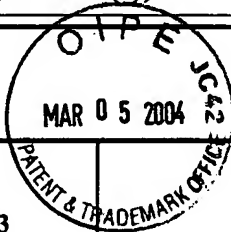
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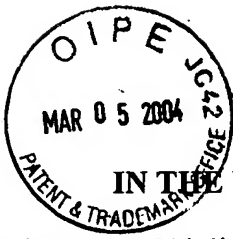
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All of the cited references are listed in a European Search Report for a European application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the Search Report is also included with this submission.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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